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A018 WISHA Consultation and Compliance

WISHA inspectors in L&I's 22 service locations investigate hazardous workplaces, fatalities, serious accidents, and employee safety complaints. Safety laws are enforced and penalties assessed as needed. WISHA investigators ensure the right of workers to report workplace safety concerns without fear of retaliation. WISHA consultants advise employers on safety and health issues, and help them identify and correct hazards. Consultants train employers and workers to become self-sufficient in keeping their workplaces free of hazards. Both consultants and inspectors ensure that employers correct serious hazards.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Biennial Total
FTE's	231.5	231.8	231.7
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$17,000,937	\$17,636,110	\$34,637,047
Total	\$17,000,937	\$17,636,110	\$34,637,047

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality and productivity of our workforce

Expected Results

Conducting at least 7,400 workplace inspections that result in identifying and ensuring employers fix at least 6,600 serious hazards that could cause serious injuries or illnesses. Responding to and resolving employee complaints about serious hazards. Investigating work-related fatalities and catastrophes and determining causes and ways to prevent re-occurrences. Assuring timely correction of serious violations. Providing at least 2,400 workplace safety and health consultations that result in identifying and fixing at least 7,600 serious hazards. Providing advice on how to correct hazards and working with employers to ensure timely correction. Providing safety and health training workshops for employers and employees. Conducting statutorily required reassumption hearings and negotiating settlement agreements with employers and attorneys. Conducting statutorily required investigations of employee allegations of discrimination or retaliation by employers as a result of a complaint about workplace safety and negotiating settlement agreements with complainants, employers, and attorneys, or otherwise resolving cases.

Number of serious hazards identified and addressed by enforcement inspections and technical assistance visits. This measurement is hazardous incidences corrected.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	44,000		
	4th Qtr	44,000		
2003-05	8th Qtr	10,248	11,805	1,557
	7th Qtr	10,248	11,039	791
	6th Qtr	9,256	11,519	2,263
	5th Qtr	10,248	10,123	(125)

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Number of WISHA worksite consultations and inspections.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	11,000	0	(11,000)
	4th Qtr	11,000	0	(11,000)
2003-05	8th Qtr	2,685	2,482	(203)
	7th Qtr	2,685	2,900	215
	6th Qtr	2,365	2,212	(153)
	5th Qtr	2,685	2,287	(398)

WISHA Intervention effectiveness. Measures the decrease in claims rates for fixed site employers WISHA visited, compared to employers' claims rates who had no WISHA activity.

Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	6th Qtr	15%	0%	(15)%
	2nd Qtr	15%	0%	(15)%
2003-05	6th Qtr	10%	8%	(2)%
	2nd Qtr	10%	0%	(10)%

This is an annual measure; results are usually available by November.